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# (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Atwater – Teen Accused of Making Bombs for Sale

(U) A teen is in custody after a search warrant was served at his home because he was suspected of making bombs. The investigation began when the Merced Sheriff's Department received a tip from the FBI that a 17-year-old boy was manufacturing and selling explosive devices from a home. The FBI says he was talking about the material and posting pictures on social media. At the home, police found items to make bombs and explosive devices. The juvenile has been taken into custody. SOURCE: 23 August 2022, KMPH

### (U) Chula Vista – Police Investigate Bomb Threats at Three Schools and Store

(U) Bomb threats were phoned in to three Chula Vista elementary schools and a Home Depot, prompting the campuses to be placed on lockdown. Chula Vista police said no explosive devices were located. The calls were received yesterday morning at the Loma Verde, Otay and Rohr elementary schools and a Home Depot on Plaza Court. People who answered phones at the schools and the store called police after receiving the threats. Officers were dispatched immediately to the four locations to investigate. The schools were placed on lockdown, with classroom doors locked.

SOURCE: 23 August 2022, San Diego Union Tribune

### (U) San Jose – Man Guilty In \$340,000 7-State Credit Card Plot

(U) A man has pleaded guilty in a seven-state plot to buy \$340,000 worth of gift cards and goods at The Home Depot using other people's credit card numbers. Jonathan Orpilla Sinlao, 37, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, and prosecutors agreed to drop seven counts of access device fraud when he pleaded guilty. Investigators looked into more than 100 unauthorized purchases between February and July 2019 at Home Depot stores in Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, New York, and Oklahoma. SOURCE: 23 August 2022, Associated Press

# (U) NATIONAL

# (U) District of Columbia – IRS Launches Security Review After Threats and Misinformation

(U) Washington – The IRS is reviewing safety and security measures in response to an increase of threats and misinformation on social media about the agency and its employees. A spokesperson said the steps include new risk assessments, monitoring perimeter security at facilities, designating restricted areas and reassessing exterior lighting and entrance security. The actions follow an abundance of misinformation and false social media postings, some of them with threats directed at the IRS and its employees.

SOURCE: 23 August 2022, Reuters

# (U) District of Columbia – Navy Director Traded Insider Info in Exchange for Bribes and Prostitution (U) Washington – A former US Navy director was convicted for his role in a bribery conspiracy and for lying to federal officials. Fernando Xavier Monroy, who worked as the director of operations of the US Navy's Military Sealift Command Office in Busan, South Korea, is accused of engaging in a conspiracy to

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commit bribery with a South Korea-based company. Monroy conspired with a civilian captain of a Navy ship and a business owner to direct business to DK Marine, a company that provided services for the US Navy. The scheme focused on when the Navy ship was scheduled for a port visit to Chinhae, South Korea in late 2013.

SOURCE: 23 August 2022, Miami Herald

# (U) Florida – Sting Operation Nets Twelve Arrests

(U) Santa Rosa County – The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office arrested 12 people for allegedly trying to have sex with minors. The Sheriff's Office worked in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the Pensacola Police Department to net the 12 arrests, one warrant pending and 45 felony charges. One suspect, 27-year-old Trevon Mitchell, is still wanted on charges of failing to obey officers, soliciting a child with a computer, traveling to meet a lured child and using two-way communication to facilitate a felony. All 12 suspects are being held in Santa Rosa County Jail without bond.

SOURCE: 23 August 2022, Pensacola News Journal

# (U) INTERNATIONAL

# (U) Iraq – Security Forces Arrest 17 ISIS Suspects

(U) Erbil – Security forces in Sulaimani announced the arrest of 17 suspected members of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) who confessed to have planned to assassinate prominent clergymen and Peshmerga commanders. They also published ISIS propaganda. Sulaimani internal security forces said in a statement that they recently observed the activities of a group of people who planned to assassinate a number of top Peshmerga commanders and clergymen.

SOURCE: 22 August 2022, Rudaw

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